

## ADDRESSED FARMERS.

Senators Tillman and Smith, and Congressman Lever Address Farmers Upon Agricultural Subjects.

In order to give variety to the program on Agricultural Day, as well as to entertain the farmers in the best manner possible, the managers of the County Fair invited Senator R. B. Tillman, Senator R. D. Smith, Congressman Lever, and Congressman Patterson to be present Thursday. All of them attended and delivered addresses except the latter.

About one o'clock, after much time had been exhibited in the arena, the people numbering nearly two thousand, gathered around the main building to hear the addresses of the speakers of the fair.

The first speaker, Senator R. B. Tillman, was presented in a most fitting manner by Hon. B. E. Nicholson, who has been one of the farmers' and agricultural interests of the State for many years. Senator Tillman, in his address, said that he had been a Senator since his election as Senator in 1890, and that he was now in his twenty-second year. He said that he was now in his twenty-second year. He said that he was now in his twenty-second year. He said that he was now in his twenty-second year.

Mr. Smith said spinners did not complain when the price of cotton was low, but now that it has advanced to where farmers can make an honest living, many of them are shutting down their mills in order to force a decline in the price of raw material. Why did they not advance the price of their manufactured product?

He said there is something wrong with a government that protects a few manufacturers. There is some unfair advantage when one man has an income of \$40,000,000. He believes that the government should be shaped so that the men who make the wealth can enjoy some of it.

## Congressman A. F. Lever.

With accustomed ease and grace, Capt. N. G. Evans introduced Congressman A. F. Lever, who after a little humor at the expense of Capt. Evans, congratulated the fair association upon the splendid success of the first County Fair. He spoke of the fair as a reunion ground, and said that if the enterprise receives the co-operation of the people at large it will mean a "grand old county."

Mr. Lever spoke upon diversification of crops at some length, urging upon his hearers the importance of making the every-day necessities upon the farm.

Mr. Lever said there are two great necessities: something to eat and something to wear, and that the South has a monopoly on one of these. If a farmer does not get a decent price for his cotton it is his own fault. They make the mistake of marketing the entire crop in three months. Suppose, said the speaker, all of the women were to send their eggs to Edgefield, the price would go down. He opposed the crop system of putting all the eggs in one basket.

He urged parents to educate their children, particularly along agricultural lines. Mr. Lever said Clemson College has not accomplished the purpose for which it was established. Instead of showing a proper sympathy for the farmers, it has assumed an attitude of aloofness. He still has confidence in and hope for the institution, especially as a reformatory and revolution are now going on. He wants to see Clemson brought into more intimate touch with the farmers. Mr. Lever favors Agricultural High Schools as preparatory schools for Clemson.

## Senator B. R. Tillman.

The next and last speaker of the occasion was Senator B. R. Tillman, who was presented by Capt. Evans. He said it had been nineteen years since the people had called him from his farm to be governor of South Carolina, and after electing him two terms sent him to the United States senate. He has been serving the people nearly a score of years, and will never be able to repay them for the honors heaped upon him.

Senator Tillman said he thought twelve months ago that he would

never address another audience but has now fully recovered his health. His Edgefield friends were greatly pleased to see him looking so hale and strong.

He said that whatever he has amounted to as governor or senator has been due to the fact that he had a good mother, who was "a glorious good woman." Another good woman, his wife, has for 42 years encouraged and elevated him, doubling his pleasures and sharing his sorrows. He said petticoat government is the best government in the world. He then took Mr. Lever to task in a good natured way for not taking some good woman in his embrace.

He next commended the people for waking up and making such a success of the County Fair, a movement which will bring lasting benefit to the county at large. He said he had not only seen much fine stock at the fair but had met many old friends whom he had not seen in some time.

Senator Tillman also urged co-operation on the part of the farmers. Said he is ready to join the Farmers' Union, but all of the unions in this State will not accomplish anything unless all farmers are working through co-operative buying, he stated that he has been able to save several dollars per ton on nitrate of soda by having his neighbors combine their orders. He has forty tons of nitrate of soda ordered to be shipped from Charleston in March.

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## COUNTY FAIR.

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Mrs. R. A. Warsh Entertained Missionary Society Beautifully, Farmers Busy Sowing grain

(Written for last week.)

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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

Death of Mrs. Crawford, Flower Show November 6th. Marriage of Mr. Jerald LaGrone.

Miss Hassie Smith, of Florida, is spending this month here with her cousin, Miss Rose LaGrone. Miss Emmie Wright, of Columbia College, was called home on Thursday on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. Wallace Wright.

Mr. Ed Penn, of Johnston, who with his family moved to Batesburg recently and opened up a hotel, suffered from a severe loss by fire on Saturday night. The dwelling and all contents were burned, there being no insurance.

Messames M. T. Turner and Chas. F. Pechman attended the flower show at Ridge on Saturday and were two of the four judges for the flowers.

Mrs. J. C. Mac, of Marion, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. T. R. Hoyt.

Mrs. M. T. Siftley, of Orangeburg, arrived this week to spend some time at the home of her mother, Mrs. Emma Mobley.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Culbreth Grice, at Wards, on Friday last, and was buried at Mt. Snon the next afternoon. Mrs. Crawford was visiting her daughter, and while there was taken ill, and was never able to be carried to her home. She was the mother of Mrs. J. C. Haldi-vanger, of this place.

At the last meeting of the Mary Ann Buie chapter, D. of C., the following delegates were elected to attend the state convention, D. of C., to be held in Newberry, November 30th to December 2nd: Miss Clara Sawyer and Mrs. Peter Epes; alternates, Miss Zena Payne and Mrs. George Landrum.

The flower show under the auspices of the D. of C., will be held here November 6th, in one of the vacant stores on Main street. Mr. Balk, of Augusta, will be the judge, the doors opening to the public at 12 o'clock. An excellent dinner and oysters will be served; dinner 50 cents, oysters, 25 cents. The list of premiums offered is a splendid one. Miss Hattie Toney is visiting friends in Ridge Spring.

Dr. Frank Wilkeson, of Santee, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. LaGrone last week.

On account of a union meeting at Rocky Creek, there was no service at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, so the regular time for service was given over to the celebration of the Cradle Roll department of the Sunday school. The songs and recitation by the little tots were done wonderfully well. There are about 50 on the roll now, several promotion cards having been given out.

Mrs. McElhenney has returned to her home in Ellenton, after a month's visit to her sister, Mrs. L. B. Asbell.

Cards have been received here by friends announcing the coming marriage of Mr. David Jerald LaGrone and Miss Alma Louise Willing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Willing, of Darlington. The happy event will take place on the evening of Wednesday, November 10th, at the First Baptist church, at 8:30 o'clock, and will be quite a brilliant affair.

The many friends of Mrs. Frances Wright are grieved over her illness, which is of a serious nature. On last Friday she was stricken with paralysis, and at this writing there seems to be no change in her condition.

## Was She Yours?

Bucley—Why, aeronauts tell us that a woman's voice can be distinctly heard at an altitude of 3,520 yards.

Trimble—Great Caesar! It must have been my wife!—New York Times.

## By a Close Shave.

"Mama," said little Elsie, "do men ever go to heaven?"

"Why, of course, my dear. What makes you ask?"

"Because I never see any pictures of angels with whiskers."

"Well," said the mother thoughtfully, "some men do go to heaven, but they get there by a close shave."

—Tit Bits.

## Willing to Help.

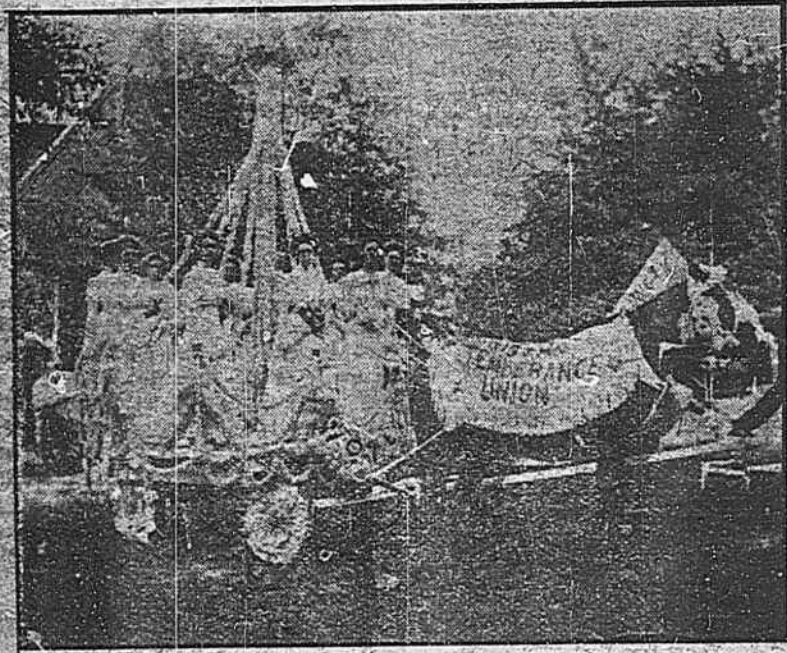
"Ma, what are the folks in our church gettin' up a subscription for?"

"To send our minister on a vacation to Europe."

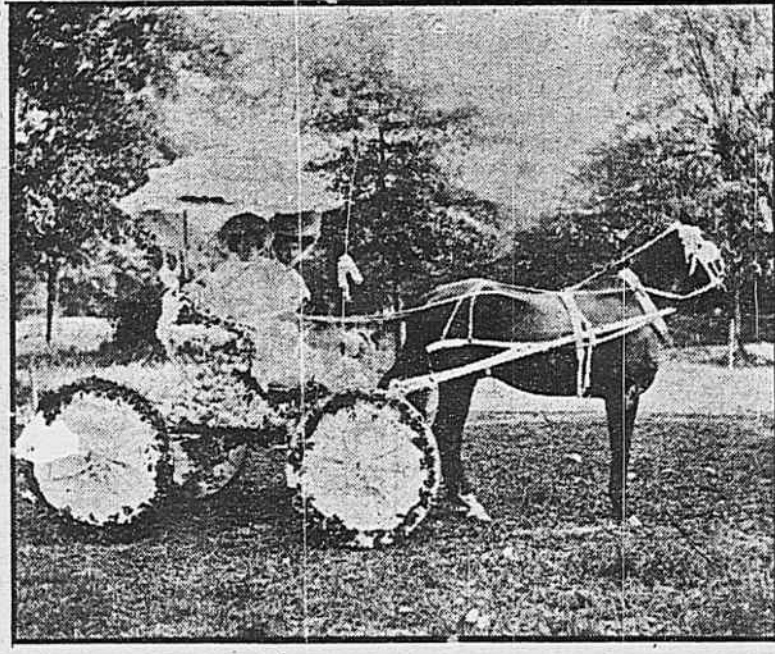
"Won't there be no church services while he's gone?"

"No, dear."

"Ma, I got \$1.23 in my bank. Can I give that?"



W. C. T. U. Float



Rig of Mrs. Tompkins and Miss Rives

14 Prettiest collection of dahlias: Mrs. A. S. Tompkins—Umbrella by Dorn & Mims.

15 Prettiest design: Mrs. J. H. White—Picture by Tin mons Drug Store.

Second best: Mrs. Maggie Hill—Table cloth and mats by J. E. Hart.

16 Finest fern: Mrs. F. E. Mosley—Parlor pedestal by Edgefield Mercantile Company.

17 Finest palm: Mrs. C. A. Long—Pair of lady's shoes by J. B. Kennerly.

Best base ball float: Prize, box of candy, awarded to both "Buncombe" and "Pig Town."

Prettiest decorated float: Womans Christian Temperance Union—Prize given.

Prettiest decorated rig: Mrs. C. Tompkins and Miss Ora Rives—Set of buggy harness by Ramsey & Jones.

Prettiest decorated child's rig: Miss Hallie White, of Johnston—Gold pin by Dr. A. H. Corley.

Best trades display: Penn & Holstein—Library table by Edgefield Mercantile Company.

Most striking couple on horseback: Miss Maxie Sheppard and Mr. Hugh Nicholson—Gold pin by O. Sheppard.

